

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Spring Creek Church, Butler County, Ala.,

October 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1892.

OFFICERS.

J. E. KOLB, MODERATOR..... Rutledge, Ala.
C. C. LLOYD, CLERK..... Greenville, Ala.
S. A. SATTERWHITE, TREASURER..... Letohatchie, Ala.

*The next session will be held with Steep Creek Church, Lowndes
County, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in
October, 1893. Introductory Sermon by T. E. Morgan.
Alternate, W. H. Cheatham. Missionary Sermon
by J. E. Kolb. Alternate, W. C. Avant.*

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MINUTES.

SPRING CREEK, BUTLER CO., ALA., FRIDAY, Oct. 7, 1892.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association, met with Spring Creek Church, Butler county, Ala. The Association was called to order by the Clerk, Eld. C. C. Lloyd. Prayer by Eld. T. E. Morgan.

Eld. J. E. Kolb was made Moderator pro. tem. Introductory sermon by Eld. R. M. Burt. Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Cheatham. The letters from the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—M. W. Rushton.
Siloam—†J. H. Killough, J. W. Vann, J. B. Foster.
Damascus—S. F. Address, Joe Kierce, J. E. Rhodes.
Union—J. T. Petty, W. C. Killough, *J. W. Holloway.
Chapel Hill—T. T. Dobbs, T. L. Kelly, J. C. Lee.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—J. A. Thornton, T. L. Bowden, John A. Stringer.
Mountain Hill—*A. J. Hall, Nathan Peak, *R. T. Poole.
Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, W. P. McQueen, R. H. Cross.
New Ebenezer—Joe Schofield, J. D. Massey, *Mike Adams.
Panola—J. M. Stephens, S. S. Loe, George R. Vickery.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—S. A. Satterwhite, William Grant, T. L. S. Grace.
Hopewell—Geo. W. Noble.
New Bethel—C. E. Bruner, †S. Oswalt, J. R. Strickland.
Ellis—J. E. Roper, J. K. Black.
New Smyrna—Not represented.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Bethel—C. A. Gunn, M. W. Bishop, J. H. Thigpen, †C. H. Priestler, †J. M. Jordan, D. M. Lucas, †T. S. Norris, †W. H. Hairston.
Indian Creek—E. L. Harrison, F. M. Rodgers, S. Bush, Dan Harrison.
Good Hope—†R. E. Peagler, H. P. Watts, Wm. Peagler.
Antioch—*George Martin, *G. P. Hawkins, *Enoch Stuckey.
Gravel Hill—J. M. Hawkins, †J. F. Freeman.
Absentees thus.† Absent without leave thus.*

Organization: J. E. Kolb, Moderator; C. C. Lloyd, Clerk; S. A. Satterwhite, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Received correspondence:

New Providence Association—W. H. Nix.
Conecuh Association—Eld. J. W. Stewart, representing Orphan's Home and Ministerial Education.
Selma Association—Eld. S. J. Catts.

Application for letters of dismissal from Bethel and Hopewell churches heard and granted, extending to them all the privileges of the delegates of this body.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

- On Nominations—H. P. Watts, Chairman.
- On Documents and State of Religion—Dan Harrison, Chairman.
- On Finance—W. P. McQueen, Chairman; J. M. Hawkins.
- On Auditing—M. W. Rushton, Chairman.
- On Time and Place of Meeting—S. A. Satterwhite, Chairman.
- On Ministerial Education—J. J. Pipkin, J. E. Bishop, Howell Golson.
- On Temperance—S. A. Satterwhite, J. E. Roper, J. M. Dickinson.
- On Schools and Colleges—R. M. Burt, V. H. Bell, Neil Jordan.
- On Sunday-schools—J. F. Sims, Thomas Norris, J. T. Day.
- On Books and Periodicals—W. C. Avant, T. T. Dobbs, J. L. Davidson.
- On Bible Cause—W. H. Cheatham, Frank Rodgers, J. R. Whittle.
- On Obituaries—John A. Stringer, Chairman.
- On Religious Literature—C. C. Lloyd, G. R. Vickery, W. P. Bush.
- On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Spring Creek Church, H. P. Watts and J. W. Holloway.
- On Education—C. E. Bruner, M. W. Ruston.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Bro. S. J. Catts.

Clerk read minutes of yesterday. Adopted.

Clerk read Order of Business. Adopted.

Bro. Cheatham moved that the clause of yesterday's minutes granting letters of dismissal to Bethel and Hopewell churches, be rescinded. Adopted.

Called for report of Executive Board of the Association. Time granted for completion.

Bro. Satterwhite read the report on Temperance. After remarks by Satterwhite, Cheatham, Stringer, Catts and Morgan, the report was adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read obituary notice of Eld. G. W. McQueen. Adopted.

It was resolved that the Moderator and Clerk of this Association, with the deacons and pastor of Steep Creek church, be requested to arrange a formula for memorial services in respect to Eld. G. W. McQueen on the fifth Sunday in this month. Adopted.

At 11 a. m., sermon by Bro. J. W. Stewart. Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. C. C. Lloyd.

Bro. T. E. Morgan read the report on Home and Foreign Missions, and after remarks by Morgan, Stewart and Catts, was adopted.

PLEDGES TO ASSIST BRO. HAGOOD.

Bethel and Steep Creek churches—S. J. Catt.....	\$25 00
New Bethel church—J. R. Strickland.....	10 00
Ellis.....	5 00
Good Hope.....	2 00
Indian Creek (Paid).....	2 00
Hickory Grove.....	5 00
R. M. Burt (Paid).....	10 00
J. E. Bishop (Paid).....	3 00
Sister Satterwhite (Paid).....	1 00
Sister Holloway (Paid).....	1 00
J. H. Killough (Paid).....	1 00
H. P. Watts (Paid).....	1 00
W. H. Cheatham (Paid).....	1 00
Cash.....	1 00
Total.....	\$68 00

Committee on Religious Exercises reported the programme for to-morrow as follows: Prayer meeting at 9 a. m. by Bro. R. M. Burt; preaching at 11 a. m. by Bro. W. C. Avant; preaching at 2 p. m. by Bro. W. H. Cheatham. Adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY.

Prayer meeting at 9 a. m. by Bro. R. M. Burt; Bro. W. C. Avant preached the missionary sermon at 11 a. m.; cash collection for missions \$25.00; Bro. W. H. Cheatham preached at 2 p. m. Adjourned till 9 a. m. Monday.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Avant.

Clerk read the minutes of Saturday and Sunday. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Obituary. Adopted.

Report on Education was read by Bro. Lloyd and spoken to by Cheatham, Stringer, Morgan, Bishop and Rushton. Adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Periodicals and Religious Literature. After remarks by Lloyd, Grant, Burt, Vickery and Morgan, was adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report of the Executive Board of the Association. Adopted.

Report on Documents and State of Religion was read by Bro. Dan Harrison. Adopted.

Bro. Satterwhite read the Treasurer's report, which was referred to the Auditing committee. After remarks by Burt, Satterwhite, Avant, Lloyd, Stringer, Cheatham and Rushton, was adopted.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. Avant; alternate, M. W. Rushton.

The Treasurer was instructed to send the money collected for Bro. Hagood through the State Board.

The money for associational purposes remaining in the hands of the Treasurer (\$31.00) was paid to Bro. Avant.

Resolved, That this Association grant letters of dismissal to Bethel and Hopewell churches, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare the same.

Resolved, That a committeeman from each church in the Association be made a member of the Executive Board.

The Association to meet next year with Steep Creek Church, Lowndes county, Ala.

Resolved, That we continue the evangelical work in the bounds of this Association.

Auditing committee's report read and adopted.

Bro. W. P. McQueen read report of Finance committee. Adopted.

Brethren Lloyd, Burt and Rushton were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Elders Plaster and McQueen.

Clerk to be paid \$10.00.

Following resolution by Bro. Avant was adopted:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their cordial hospitality.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

Home and State Missions—W. H. Cheatham, J. W. Holloway, J. R. Strickland.

Foreign Missions—M. W. Rushton, J. I. Perdue, Geo. P. Hawkins.

Ministerial Education—J. C. Routon, J. H. Killough, T. L. S. Grace.

Religious Literature—T. E. Morgan, W. P. Bush, J. T. Petty.

Temperance—J. G. Thomas, C. E. Bruner, Elbert Harrison.

Schools and Colleges—H. P. Watts, V. H. Bell, Dan Harrison.

Books and Periodicals—J. C. Fonville, J. E. Bishop, J. E. Rhodes.

Sunday-schools—C. H. Morgan, R. M. Burt, Joe Kierce.

Bible Cause—C. C. Lloyd, John E. Roper, C. H. Priestner.

Prayer by Bro. Burt. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," while the parting hand was given.

Benediction by Bro. Avant.

Adjourned to meet next year with Steep Creek.

J. E. KOLB, MODERATOR.

C. C. LLOYD, Clerk.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS FOR 1893.

Rutledge church.....	\$ 5 00	Siloam.....	\$ 10 00
Damascus.....	5 00	Union.....	15 00
Chapel Hill.....	5 00	Spring Creek.....	10 00
Mountain Hill.....	2 50	Hickory Grove.....	15 00
New Ebenezer.....	5 00	Panola.....	2 50
Steep Creek.....	15 00	New Bethel.....	10 00
Ellis.....	5 00	Indian Creek.....	10 00
Good Hope.....	10 00	Antioch.....	5 00
Gravel Hill.....	3 00	M. W. Rushton.....	5 00
		Mrs. S. A. Dean.....	1 00

Total.....\$139 00

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

As Executive Board we beg leave to report, That on the 5th of November, 1891, we met at Fort Deposit and employed Eld. W. C. Avant as Evangelist for three fourths of his time, and, by order of the Association, restricted him in two points, viz: Petrie and Bradleyton, and left it with him to select third, and agreed to pay him \$350.00 for his services.

Brother Avant began his work the 15th November, 1891, and continued till the 2nd of August, being eight and a half months. During the time he travelled 377 miles, preached 84 sermons, held 33 religious conversations, organized one Sunday School, baptised 2, married 4 couples and visited 3 sick families.

His work has been done mainly at four destitute points, viz: Petrie, Bradleyton, Pattsburg, and south of Fuller's cross roads.

He has been previously paid.....\$143 73

The amount due him is..... 104 21

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. KOLB, Chairman.

The brother was paid in full before leaving the Association.—CLERK.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The reports coming to us from all parts of the State are very encouraging.

The schools have all opened with larger attendance than ever before. The progress of the centuries has been led on by Christian education. As the seeds are sown the demand increases. We want more schools and more money and pupils in those we have.

Howard College has had the most gratifying opening in its history. There are now about 120 matriculates, and others coming every day. Judson Institute, at Marion, stands and has long stood the compeer of any female college in the South. It is growing continually and makes this year the grandest forward movement in its history. The faculties of these two institutions are unexcelled; buildings, grounds and general outfit magnificent.

We regard it the duty of all God's people to stand by these colleges. It is not only our privilege, but our duty to put our sons and daughters, with our money and prayers into these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BRUNER, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The present outlook is encouraging in both these fields. The work of the State seems to be progressing as new towns are being built; it seems that the State Board is trying to supply them with the word of eternal life. The Home Board seems to be in a well organized condition, and is pressing forward the great work of carrying the good tidings of great joy into almost every State and territory upon this continent.

The foreign field, which though last, is not least, seems to be using all the means and money they have in trying to obey the blessed Savior, where he says: "And ye shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." And the great commission is to "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Yet, while we propose to do that work in our own association, we are in perfect sympathy with these brethren in helping them with our prayers and mites to carry the bread of life unto others.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. MORGAN, Ch'n.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee beg leave to report, that first of all, we "search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, etc."

We commend The Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala., as a medium of communication for Baptists in the State. Being the organ of the denomination, it should be circulated generally. It also ought to be a medium for imparting a greater knowledge of the Lord God and His Word, by which there would be greater unity of His people in faith, love and practice. We therefore heartily commend it to the brethren as worthy their patronage.

We also call their attention to the Home Field Atlanta, Ga.; and Kind Words series, the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and for hymn books in our churches and families, the Baptist Hymnal and Manly's Choice.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. LLOYD, Ch'n

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, present the following:

To Preach the Introductory Sermon next year, Eld. T. E. Morgan; alternate, Eld. W. H. Cheatham.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon next year, Eld. J. E. Kolb; alternate, Eld. W. C. Avant.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. WATTS, Ch'n.

DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

J. E. Kolb, R. M. Burt, J. C. Fonville, T. E. Morgan, C. C. Lloyd, H. P. Watts, W. P. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, C. H. Priestler. In the absence of these, or any of them, any brother from this association who may choose to attend.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee on Documents and State of Religion make the following report:

On examination of the letters sent up by the churches, we find that a majority of the churches have been greatly revived, with a goodly number added.

All the churches have been supplied with pastors this year and are in a prosperous condition, and we pray God the good work may go on. We find there has been a decline in Sunday-school work.

There are two Ladies' Aid Societies in our bounds.

We further report that Bro. J. G. Thomas has been ordained to the full work of the ministry.

We find that Hopewell church has sent a written request for a letter of dismission from our body, and sends no letter of representation.

There is also a verbal request of one of the messengers of Bethel church, Lowndes county, for a letter of dismission.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL HARRISON, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report:

The statistics of the country show that four fifths of the crimes committed are traceable to the use of intoxicating beverages, and about one-half the inmates of our insane asylums have come to insanity from this liquid distillation of the dram shops.

The devil never had an agent better equipped than alcohol to drag men down to hell. It has ruined more men and destroyed the happiness of more families than all other agencies combined. Look at the blasted intellects, the blighted hopes, the ruined homes, the young men degraded! Alas! there

are too many examples in our midst. Shall we, then, as the Alabama Association, send out any uncertain opinion on this subject? Your committee is of the opinion that we should not, and make the following recommendations:

1. That our churches promptly exclude all drunkards and liquor dealers who cannot be reclaimed from their ruinous course.

2. That we vote for no man for any office who gets drunk or favors the liquor traffic.

3. That we labor to procure county and State prohibition, with constitutional prohibition as our end.

4. In the meantime that we do all we can to punish the violators of existing laws.

5. Let prohibition and enforcement of the law be the "watchword."

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SATTERWHITE, Ch'n.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee beg leave to report:

That since our last session our Heavenly Father has seen fit to remove from earthly labor to heavenly rest two of the brightest lights of our association, our venerable Moderator, F. C. Plaster and Bro. Geo. W. McQueen, both of whom worked long and faithfully in the vineyard of the Master, and now, their armors bright and burnished with zealous service, are laid aside and they have entered into rest.

We are also pained to record the death of Deacons A. P. Gafford, of Antioch, and John A. Robinson, of Ellis; Sister Arrington, Bro. Gandy, and Sister Butts, of Spring Creek, and others not referred to in the letters sent up by the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. STRINGER, Ch'n.

OBITUARY OF BRETHERN PLASTER AND M'QUEEN.

Full of years and usefulness, Elds. F. C. Plaster and Geo. W. McQueen have been called to "come up higher." Truly may it be said of them, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

"Thy saints in all this glorious war,

"Shall conquer, though they die."

Resolved, 1, That we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of God's providence, recognizing in it the hand of "Him who doeth all things well."

Resolved, 2, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the families of our lamented brethren, praying that the smiles of heaven may ever rest upon them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. LLOYD,
M. W. RUSHTON,
H. P. WATTS,
Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer, together with the vouchers, and find it correct except a mistake of ten cents in addition.

We have also examined the report of the Finance Committee, and find it correct except a mistake of ten cents in addition. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. RUSHTON, Ch'n.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

W. H. Cheatham.....	Greenville, Ala.
C. C. Lloyd.....	" "
J. E. Kolb.....	Rutledge, "
W. C. Avant.....	" "
T. E. Morgan.....	Honoraville, "
J. G. Thomas.....	" "
J. T. Davidson.....	" "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. J. Hagood	Howard College, Ala.
Z. W. Petty	Rutledge, "
M. Pruitt.....	Fort Deposit, "
E. S. Perry.....	" "
M. Dickens.....	" "

FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

First District—J. T. Petty.
 Second District—W. P. McQueen.
 Third District—T. W. Hagood.
 Fourth District—H. P. Watts.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. E. Kolb,	Geo. R. Vickery,
T. T. Dobbs,	J. T. Helms,
Joseph Kierce,	J. I. Perdue,
J. E. Roper,	S. A. Satterwhite,
H. P. Watts,	C. H. Morgan,
J. M. Hawkins,	W. P. McQueen,
Dan'l Harrison,	R. T. Poole,
C. E. Bruner,	Jeff Cook.

 Five to form a quorum.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Ed. Howard College.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Antioch.....					\$ 1 50	\$ 1 25	\$.....	\$ 2 75	\$ 50 00	\$ 200 00
Bethel.....					2 00	17 95	12 05	32 00	300 00	6,000 00
Chapel Hill.....					1 50	4 35	1 00	6 85	50 00	200 00
Damascus.....					3 00	7 50	3 00	13 50	50 00	300 00
Ellis.....	75	50				75	4 20	6 20	75 00	250 00
Good Hope.....					75	75		1 50	60 00	500 00
Gravel Hill.....					50	2 00		2 50	30 00	250 00
Hickory Grove.....					1 50	5 00	10 00	16 50	75 00	500 00
Indian Creek.....					2 50			2 50		400 00
Mountain Hill.....					1 00			1 00		150 00
New Ebenezer.....					1 50	5 00		6 50	30 00	250 00
New Bethel.....	2 00	2 00	1 00		50	5 40	4 60	15 50	75 00	350 00
Panola.....					1 00	2 50		3 50	25 00	150 00
Rutledge.....	1 50				1 50	5 00		6 50	50 00	500 00
Siloam.....					3 00	5 95		8 95	50 00	50 00
Spring Creek....					2 00	8 75	1 25	12 00		500 00
Steep Creek.....					2 35	13 75	43 80	59 90		1,100 00
Union.....	1 00	2 50	1 00		2 25	1 00		7 75	100 00	200 00
Sunday collect'n						25 00		25 00		
E L & D Harrison						5 00		5 00		
Mrs. A. Loe.....						1 00		1 00		
T. E. Morgan.....							2 00	2 00		
J. C. Routen.....							5 00	5 00		
S. F. Holloway....							1 00	1 00		
C. H. Morgan.....							2 50	2 50		
J. W. Holloway....							2 00	2 00		
J. E. Bishop.....				21 00		2 50		2 50		
For Br. Hagood				47 00				68 00		
Total.....	\$5 25	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$68 00	\$29 1	\$123 85	\$88 20	\$322 90	\$1,020 00	\$11,550 60

We recommend that the churches be more careful to take vouchers for all moneys paid out during the year, and send them up with their church letters. The overplus Associational money was paid to evangelist—\$31 10.

W. P. McQUEEN, Ch'n.

Name and Postoffice of Moderator—J. E. Kolb, Rutledge, Ala. Name and Postoffice of Clerk—C. C. Lloyd, Greenville, Ala. Session of 1893 to be held with Steep Creek church, Lowndes county, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1893.

Received of C. C. Lloyd \$20.00 for printing Minutes of Alabama Baptist Association for the year 1892.

ALABAMA PRINTING COMPANY.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by										Present Mem- bership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sab- bath	Reports Prayer Meetings	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Exclusion.	Expulsion.	Deaths									
Antioch.....	Butler.....	R. M. Burt.....	G. P. Hawkins.....	Searcy.....	65	2	7	1	1	3	2	1	1	67	1	145	1	Regular	1		
Bethel.....	Lowndes.....	S. J. Catts.....	V. H. Bell.....	Fort Deposit.....	230	33	11	1	1	1	3	4	4	271	9	145	2	Regular	1		
Chapel Hill.....	Crenshaw.....	T. E. Morgan.....	W. H. Rodgers.....	Cook's Stand.....	45	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	51	1	1	1	Regular	1		
Damasus.....	Butler.....	T. E. Morgan.....	S. F. Andress.....	Earlton.....	85	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	88	1	1	3	1	1		
Ellis.....	Lowndes.....	J. J. Pipkin.....	F. E. May.....	Fort Deposit.....	24	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	1	1	1	1	1		
Good Hope.....	Butler.....	R. M. Burt.....	J. C. Abbott.....	Greenville.....	26	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	1	2	1	1		
Gravel Hill.....	Butler.....	L. B. Cochran.....	J. F. Freeman.....	Greenville.....	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	5	45	4	1	1		
Hickory Grove.....	Montgomery.....	R. M. Burt.....	D. S. Hurst.....	Davenport.....	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	3	1	1		
Indian Creek.....	Butler.....	R. M. Burt.....	Daniel Harrison.....	Searcy.....	84	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	94	1	1	4	1	1		
Mountain Hill.....	Crenshaw.....	C. C. Lloyd.....	R. T. Poole.....	Surles.....	20	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	4	1	1		
New Ebenezer.....	Crenshaw.....	J. G. Thomas.....	Jeff Cook.....	Highland Home.....	23	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	2	1	1		
Panola.....	Crenshaw.....	J. G. Thomas.....	G. R. Vickery.....	Coleman.....	15	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	3	1	1		
Rutledge.....	Crenshaw.....	B. A. Jackson.....	Wm. Swarner.....	Rutledge.....	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1		
Siloam.....	Crenshaw.....	J. E. Kolb.....	J. R. Foster.....	Johnson.....	55	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	1	1	3	1	1		
New Bethel.....	Lowndes.....	J. J. Pipkin.....	J. R. Strickland.....	Briggs.....	43	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	5	20	3	1	1		
Spring Creek.....	Butler.....	T. E. Morgan.....	J. H. Slaggers.....	Daisy.....	69	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	1	1	4	Regular	1		
Steep Creek.....	Lowndes.....	S. J. Catts.....	M. A. Powell.....	Hayneville.....	64	8	3	3	3	3	4	2	1	74	6	40	4	Regular	1		
Union.....	Crenshaw.....	W. C. Avant.....	J. W. Holloway.....	Honoraville.....	51	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	89	5	83	1	Regular	1		
Total.....					1019	97	41	7	7	39	12	3	16	134	30	333					

Sunday-school Superintendents and their Postoffices—Rutledge church, M. W. Rushton, Rutledge; Union church, J. T. Petty, Honoraville; Chapel Hill church, T. T. Dobbs, Rutledge; Spring Creek church, W. M. Arrington, Daisy; Bethel church, C. H. Priester, Fort Deposit; Steep Creek church, J. M. Dickinson, Morganville; Mountain Hill church, J. D. Sanson, Surles; Gravel Hill church, J. K. Misseldine, Greenville; New Bethel church, T. S. Hagood, Briggs.

Names of Churches Dismissed to other Associations—Bethel church to Montgomery Association; Hopewell church to Selma Association.

DECLARATION OF FAITH OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. OF THE SCRIPTURES.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals principles by which God will judge us [e]; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 Tim. 3-16-17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter 1-21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John 20-31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm 33-4. (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom. 2-10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. (f) Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10.

ART. 2. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a], whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth [c], 'inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d], revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption [f].

(a) God in one—Gal. 3-20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth—Psalm 83-18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. 1-16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. 15-11. (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 John 5-7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. 2-9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. 2-6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—John 3-17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. 4-25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—Heb. 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6-63.

ART. 3. OF THE FALL OF MAN.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker [a], but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b], being by nature utterly void of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c], and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse [d].

(a) So God created man in his own image—Gen. 1-27. God made man upright—Ec. 7-29. (b) In Adam all die—1 Cor. 15-22. There is not righteous, no, not one—Rom. 3-10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—John 8-44. (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3-18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. 1-8. (d) And he was speechless—Mat. 22-12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—Rom. 1-20.

ART. 4. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b], who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his per

sonal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour [f].

(a) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Eph. 2-8. (b) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 2-5. (c) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb. 2-14. And in him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable—Isa. 42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—Rom. 5-10. (e) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—Heb. 2-9. (f) For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb. 4-15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead—Col. 2-9.

ART. 5. OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification [a]; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity [d].

(a) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. 5-1. (b) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts 10-30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—John 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—Rom. 3-25. (c) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus 3-5. (d) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things—Rom. 8-32.

ART. 6. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a]; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b], and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation [d].

(a) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—Isa. 45-22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—Rev. 22-17. (b) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts 17-30. (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John 5-40. (d) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee—Mat. 11-24.

ART. 7. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension for calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel [b]; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God [c].

(a) Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3-3. (b) And be renewed in the spirit of our mind. And that ye put on the new man, which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness—Eph. 4-23-24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit—John 3-3. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John 4-7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—John 14-23. (c) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. 2-10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 John 5-18.

ART. 8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he originates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effect in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

(a) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth—2 Thes. 2:13. (b) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. 2:10. (c) According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. 1:4. (d) And they that are with Him are called, and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17:14. (e) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—Rom. 8:33-34. (f) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure—2 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

(a) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John 2:9-10. (b) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John 2:19. (c) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10:13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1:5.

ART. 10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability, which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man, to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

(a) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. 5:18. (b) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—Rom. 6:12. (c) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit—Rom. 8:4. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law—Rom. 3:31.

ART. 11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word, that its only proper officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

(a) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—Rom. 1:7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death—Rom. 6:4. Paul, an apostle to the churches of Galatia—Gal. 1:1-2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ—Gal. 3:26-27. (b) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. 13:4-5. (c) A bishop then must be blameless—1 Tim. 3:1-7. Likewise must the deacons be grave—1 Tim. 3:8-9-10; see also Titus 1:7-8-9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in

word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 Tim. 5:17-18-19

ART. 12. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit [a]; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, [c]; in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination [d].

(a) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said: If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8:36-37-38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat. 28:19. (b) Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead—Col. 2:12 (c) Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God—John 3:5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples—Mat. 26:26. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread—Acts 20:7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. 11:26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

ART. 13. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God [d].

(a) I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10. (b) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex. 20:8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (c) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—Acts 20:7. (d) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. 4:9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

ART. 14. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b]; conscientiously honored and obeyed [c]; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and prince of the kings of the earth [e].

(a) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom. 13:1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. (b) I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. 1:1-2. (c) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Rom. 13:5. (d) We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts 5:29. (e) Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings, the Lord of lords—1 Tim. 6:15.

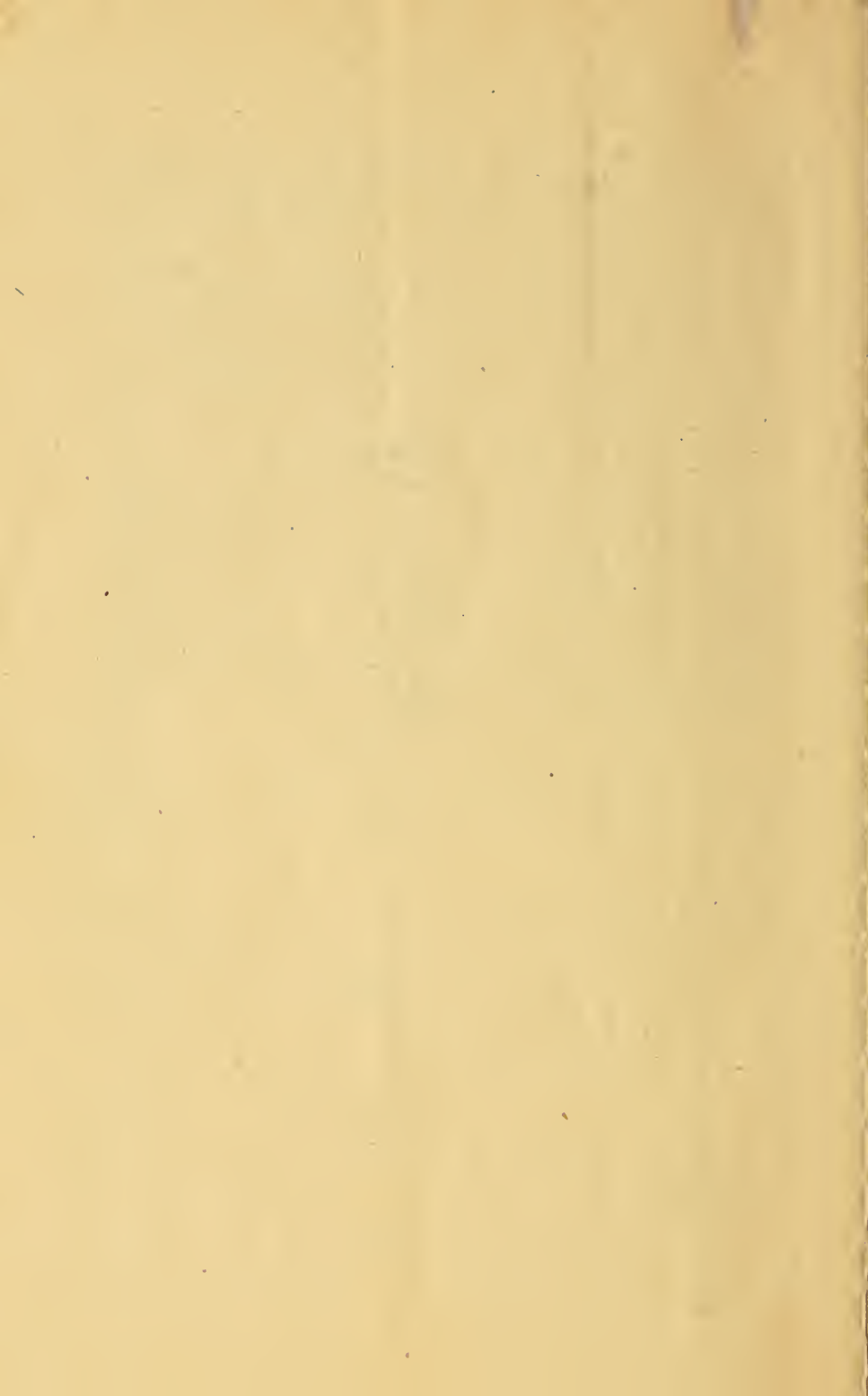
ART. 15. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d].

(a) He that is not with me is against me—Luke 11:23. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom. 8:9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth

not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 John 3:10. (b) To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—Rom. 3:26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God—1 Cor. 6:11. (c) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—Luke 13:3. He that believeth not is condemned already—John 3:18. (d) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—Rev. 22:11.

ART. 16. OF THE WORLD TO COME.—That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solemn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [d]; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

(a) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober and watch unto prayer—1 Peter 4:7. (b) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes. 4:16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation—John 5:28-29. (c) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Mat. 25:32. (d) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—Mat. 25:32. (e) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. 20:13-14. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18:25.



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